## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Saitou et al.

Art Unit: 1625

Application No.: 10/761,253

Examiner: Oh

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Attorney Ref. No.: US-159

For: METHOD OF PURIFYING GLUTAMIC

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated August 4, 2004, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for reply, 1 month(s) to December 4, 2004.

The period for response has previously been extended to

Please charge our deposit account 50-3077 the requisite fees for this petition. Also, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, necessary to maintain pendancy of this application to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

By:

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